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Counsel is willing to entertain further language changes by Examiner's amendment. The Examiner is asked to contact counsel in California at 916-485-5000 to discuss any proposed changes that the Examiner believes should be added to pass the case to issue.